

# AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES



## Montana

*Protecting our waters and preserving  
our fish, wildlife and natural resources  
now and for future generations.*

### Montana's Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Program:

- Coordinating AIS prevention, early detection and outreach activities throughout Montana and the region.
- Mandatory watercraft inspection stations (35 stations state-wide)
- Rules requiring inspection prior to launch for all watercraft:
  - ✓ Entering into Montana
  - ✓ Crossing the Continental Divide from east to west
  - ✓ Entering the Flathead Basin
- **CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY** outreach campaign to prevent the introduction and spread of AIS
- Extensive AIS early detection monitoring at waterbodies state-wide



### 2018 Highlights

- Inspected over 100,000 watercraft for AIS
- Intercepted 16 boats with zebra/quagga mussels
- Surveyed over 1,450 sites on 250 waterbodies for AIS
- Analyzed over 2,000 water samples for invasive mussels  
**NO mussel larvae or adults were detected**
- Conducted a rapid response exercise for early detection planning
- Actively involving partners to assist with AIS prevention, monitoring and outreach.



**Aquatic Invasive  
Species pose a  
significant threat  
to our  
environment,  
economy and  
way of life.**

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**AIS can result in  
millions of dollars in  
damage to irrigation  
and power  
generation.**

**AIS outcompete  
native fish and  
wildlife for food &  
habitat.**

**AIS introductions  
threaten boating  
and fishing  
opportunities for  
everyone.**

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